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SUBJECT:VISIT OF SECRETARY BERGLAND TO SOVIET UNION

1. FOLLOWING IS A LETTER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY HATH-  
AWAY FOR TRANSMITTAL BY AGATT OFFICE TO DEPUTY MINISTER  
BORIS RUNOV.

2. DR. BORIS A. RUNOV  
DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE  
USSR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
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DEAR BORIS:

I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR THE EXCELLENT  
COOPERATION AND SUPPORT GIVEN TO OUR RECENT JOINT COMMITTEE  
AND WORKING GROUP MEETINGS AND TO CONFIRM WITH YOU THAT WE  
ARE MOVING FORWARD IN OUR PLANS FOR SECRETARY BERGLAND'S

VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION IN MAY.

WE WILL BE ABLE TO FIX DEFINITE DATES BY EARLY FEBRUARY BUT WE STILL ARE PLANNING ON ARRIVAL THERE AROUND MAY 10 AND DEPARTURE BETWEEN MAY 20 AND 25. THE ITINERARY POINTS WE DISCUSSED IN MOSCOW INCLUDED CENTRAL ASIA, THE NORTH CAUCASES, THE UKRAINE AND LENINGRAD IN ADDITION TO MOSCOW. SECRETARY BERGLAND WANTS TO VISIT AS MANY FARMS AS POSSIBLE. A LARGE LIVESTOCK COMPLEX AS YOU SUGGESTED WOULD BE A GOOD INCLUSION. SINCE THE AGRICULTURE-USA EXHIBIT WILL OPEN IN APRIL IN DUSHANBE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR SEC. BERGLAND TO ATTEND THE OPENING IN THE FIRST CITY.

SECRETARY BERGLAND WILL TRAVEL WITH A FAIR-SIZED PARTY INCLUDING AMERICAN NEWSMEN. I WILL ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY AS WILL TOM HUGHES, FAS ADMINISTRATOR, AND ALAN TRICK. SOME OF OUR WIVES ALSO WILL ACCOMPANY US. AMBASSADOR TOON MAY ALSO WISH TO JOIN THE GROUP. WE HAVE NOT YET DECIDED ON THE FINAL LIST FOR OTHER PARTY MEMBERS.

I PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMI-ANNUAL GRAIN CONSULTATIONS WHILE I AM IN THE SOVIET UNION BUT THIS WILL BE EITHER JUST PRIOR TO THE SECRETARY'S TRIP OR AT ITS CONCLUSION.

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MESYATS' INVITATION. WE ALSO ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MINISTER MESAYATS' VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1978. THE BEST TIME FOR THIS, AS I INDICATED TO THE MINISTER, WOULD BE IN THE FALL. YOU MAY WANT TO TIME THIS VISIT WITH THE NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN OCTOBER. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE DATES FOR MINISTER MESYAT' TRIP COULD BE DECIDED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THESE SUBJECTS. OUR AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE IN MOSCOW WILL BE GLAD TO HELP WITH DEVELOPMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN US AFTER HIS RETURN TO MOSCOW ABOUT FEBRUARY 1.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AS PLANS PROCEED FOR OUR VISIT.

SINCERELY, /S/ DALE E. HATHAWAY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND COMMODITY PROGRAMS

3. AGATT SHOULD ADVISE GORDEEV IN MFT OF CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER. CHRISTOPHER

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